

September 2019

Greetings from the Shell Lake Arts Center!

We are pleased to invite you and your most deserving musicians to the Nineteenth Annual Middle School Honors Band. The event will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2019. This year, we will again be offering three bands, Red, White, and Blue.

Concert Red under the direction of Kris Tjornehoj will represent your very best students, wind ensemble caliber.

Concert White will be under the direction of Bill Simon and **Concert Blue** will be under the direction of Christine Hulmer. We are working to elevate both Concert White and Concert Blue to the status of Concert Red - open to the best students regardless of grade level.

You may nominate up to **TEN** students. All nominated students must have at least one year of experience in the band program. If you feel that more than ten of your students deserve nominating, please indicate these students as alternates on their nomination forms. It is very helpful to have these nominations to help fill out instrumentation. Also, keep in mind that oboe, bassoon, tenor and baritone saxophone, f horn, euphonium, and tuba players are all essential for a balanced band. We will try to have each school represented by at least four students. When nominating your students, please photocopy the enclosed nomination form for each nominee from your school.

The cost of the program is \$28 per student and includes the cost of dinner. Please note that lunch will NOT be provided this year, and students/schools will be responsible for bringing a sack lunch. A hot dinner WILL be provided for students before the concert. Registration will begin at 9:00 on Thursday morning, and rehearsals will begin promptly at 9:45. The final concert will begin at 6 p.m. and culminate around 7 p.m. A more detailed schedule will be mailed at a later date.

All nominations for the Middle School Honors Band should be received by Thursday, September 26. Nomination forms can be submitted in the following ways:

- By Mail: Shell Lake Arts Center, PO Box 315, Shell Lake, WI 54871
- By Fax: 715-468-4570
- By Email: cmoline@shelllakeartscenter.org.

We will have students selected and music mailed by Wednesday, October 3rd. This event strongly relies on student attendance, so please verify student availability before nominating him or her for this event.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me by phone at 715-468-2414 or by email at cmoline@ShellLakeArtsCenter.org. We are looking forward to a great festival again this year!